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1. IN LENGTHY INTERVIEW WITH CZECHOSLOVAK PRESS AGENCY, FRONT- PAGED IN APRIL 19 " RUDE PRAVO," DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER GOETZ EXPANDED ON HIS POSITIVE APRIL 16 REMARKS CONCERNING CZECHOSLOVAK- FRG TALKS REPORTED REFTEL. HE REPEATED PRAISE FOR OUTCOME OF SIXTH ROUND OF TALKS AND SAID THAT AGREEMENT WHICH HE SAID WOULD BE COMPLETED IN MAY WOULD BE PATTERNED " IN ITS WAY" ON THOSE SIGNED BY FRG WITH POLAND AND USSR. HE ADDED " WE SHOULD NOT FAIL TO SEE SOME SPECIAL POINTS, HOWEVER, SUCH AS BASIC PROBLEM OF INVALIDITY" OF MUNICH TREATY, WHICH HE CHARACTERIZED AS " SPECIFIC" MATTER BETWEEN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND FRG.

2. GOETZ CLAIMED THAT IN LATEST TALKS " WE DID NOT FOLLOW THE GOAL OF FORMULATING BASIC PROBLEMS THAT SHOULD BE FORMULATED IN AGREEMENT (TO BE REACHED). IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE FOR REASONS OF TIME, BUT WE
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REACHED GOAL OF DRAWING UP BRIEF OUTLINE OF PRINCIPLES UPON WHICH THE OFFICIAL TALKS IN PRAGUE WILL BE BASED". HE CONTINUED " IT IS SAID THAT NEITHER WE NOR THE FRG SIDE WANT TO TALK ABOUT CONCRETE FORMULATIONS WE AGREED UPON IN BONN. I HAVE TO STATE THAT WE HAVE NOT GOT AS FAR AS CONCRETE FORMULATIONS AND IT WAS NOT OUR OBJECTIVE."

3. GOETZ REPEATED TIMETABLE HE GAVE IN EARLIER INTERVIEW AND SAID " IF EVERYTHING GOES AS WE THINK IT SHOULD, AGREEMENT SHOULD BE REACHED FOR INITIALLING WITHIN FIRST TEN DAYS OF JUNE." HE SAID THAT THE AGREEMENT WOULD NOT AUTOMATICALLY MEAN ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC CONTACTS. HE SAID THAT THE AGREEMENT AND ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS " ARE DIFFERENT CATEGORIES ALTHOUGH CLOSELY INTERRELATED. BUT ONE MAY ASSUME THAT IF WE SIGN THE AGREEMENT CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND THE FRG WILL ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS IN FORESEEABLE TIME AS PART OF NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS."

4. GOETZ' STATEMENTS JIBE SOMEWHAT WITH FRG FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIALS' S REMARKS (BONN 5754) THAT SIXTH ROUND DID NOT PRODUCE AGREED- UPON FORMULATION AND ONLY AGREEMENT IN GENERAL TERMS. IT IS SOMEWHAT SURPRISING GIVEN APPARENTLY STILL UNRESOLVED MUNICH TREATY FORMULATION THAT CZECHS ARE PUBLICILY PREDICTING SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF NEGOTIATIONS AND INITIALLING IN JUNE. " RUDE PRAVO" INDEED SAYS SPECIFICALLY THAT IT IS EXPECTED THAT AGREEMENT WILL BE INITIALLED IN BONN IN JUNE BY FOREIGN MINISTERS.
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